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HERE COMES...

DAREDEVIL

THE MAN WHO FEAR!



"THE
TRI-MAN
LIVES!"



DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

"THE TRI-MAN LIVES!"

I'VE DEFEATED THE OWL, AND RESCUED JUDGE LEWIS*. BUT THE DANGER ISN'T OVER YET!

I'VE STILL GOT TO GUIDE THIS MECHANICAL BIRD TO A **SAFE LANDING**.. BY MEANS OF WEIGHT-SHIFTING AND BALANCE **ALONE!**

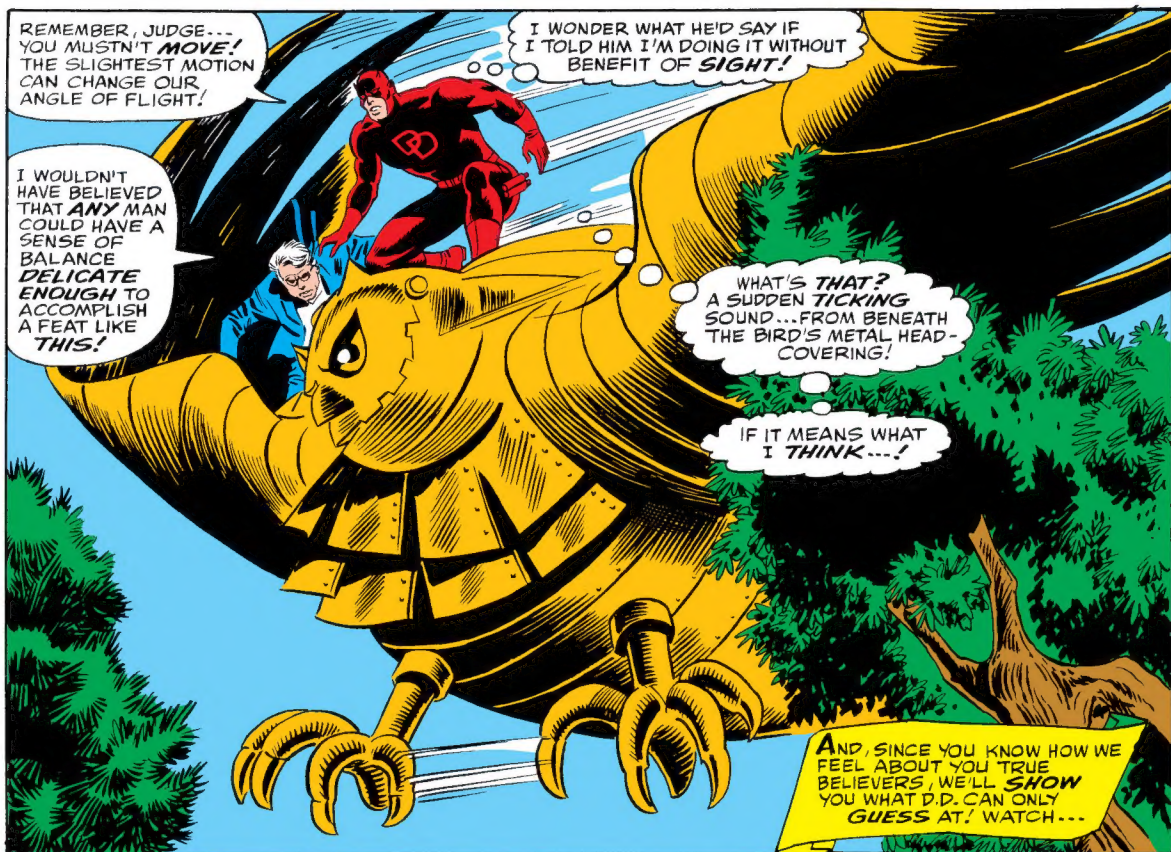
YOU **DID IT**, DAREDEVIL! WE'VE REACHED THE **MAIN-LAND SAFELY!**

WE'RE OVER **LONG ISLAND** NOW!

WITH THE **CONTROLS** INOPERATIVE, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD **STEER** THIS FLYING NIGHTMARE BY USING YOUR OWN **BODY** AS A RUDDER!

*IT HAPPENED LAST ISH... AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW! ...STRAIGHTFORWARD STAN.

WRITTEN WITH RAPTURE
BY: **STAN LEE**
DRAWN WITH DRAMA
BY: **GENE COLAN**
DELINEATED WITH DELIGHT
BY: **GIACIOIA & AYERS**
LETTERED WITH THE
BALL GAME ON
BY: **SAM ROSEN**



REMEMBER, JUDGE... YOU MUSTN'T **MOVE!** THE SLIGHTEST MOTION CAN CHANGE OUR ANGLE OF FLIGHT!

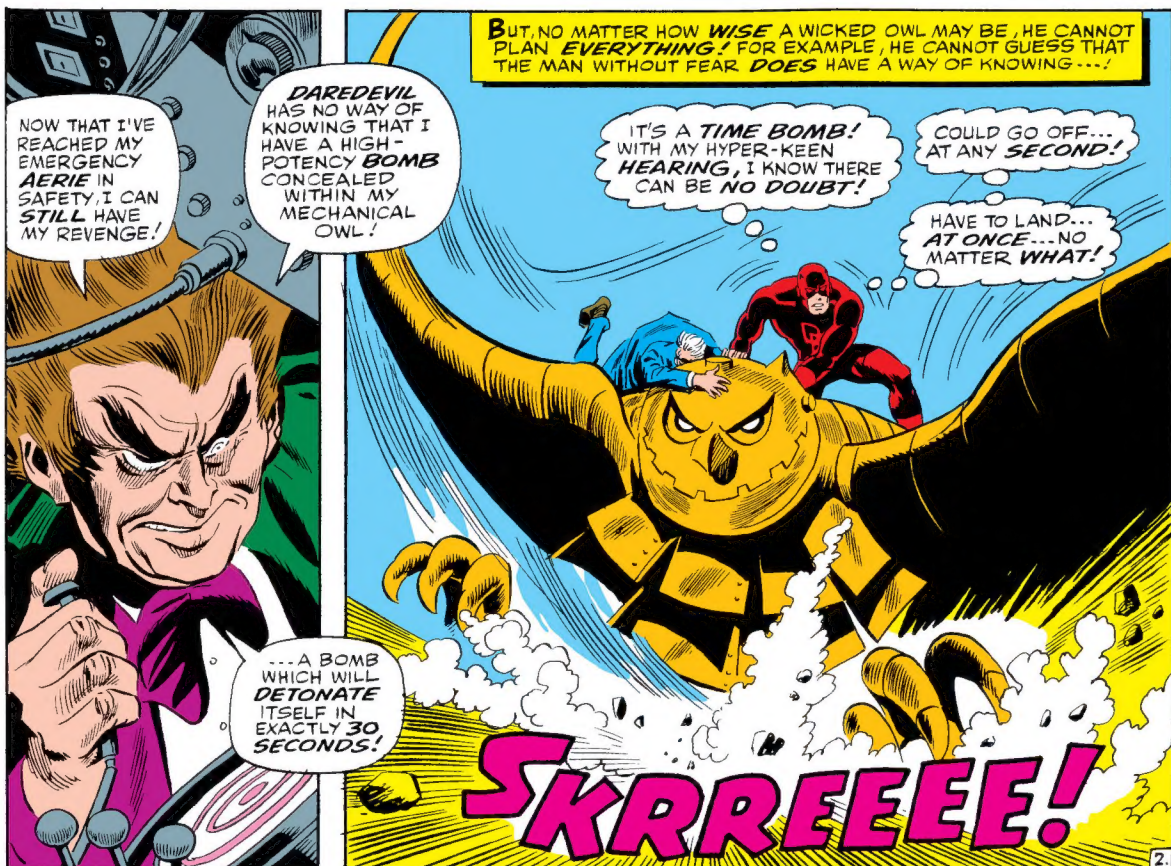
I WONDER WHAT HE'D SAY IF I TOLD HIM I'M DOING IT WITHOUT BENEFIT OF **SIGHT!**

I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED THAT **ANY** MAN COULD HAVE A SENSE OF BALANCE **DELICATE ENOUGH** TO ACCOMPLISH A FEAT LIKE **THIS!**

WHAT'S **THAT?** A SUDDEN **TICKING** SOUND...FROM BENEATH THE BIRD'S METAL HEAD-COVERING!

IF IT MEANS WHAT I **THINK**...!

AND, SINCE YOU KNOW HOW WE FEEL ABOUT YOU TRUE BELIEVERS, WE'LL **SHOW** YOU WHAT D.D. CAN ONLY **GUESS** AT! WATCH...



BUT, NO MATTER HOW **WISE** A WICKED OWL MAY BE, HE CANNOT PLAN **EVERYTHING!** FOR EXAMPLE, HE CANNOT GUESS THAT THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR **DOES** HAVE A WAY OF KNOWING...!

NOW THAT I'VE REACHED MY EMERGENCY **AERIE** IN SAFETY, I CAN **STILL** HAVE MY REVENGE!

DAREDEVIL HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT I HAVE A HIGH-POTENCY **BOMB** CONCEALED WITHIN MY MECHANICAL OWL!

IT'S A **TIME BOMB!** WITH MY HYPER-KEEN **HEARING**, I KNOW THERE CAN BE **NO DOUBT!**

COULD GO OFF... AT ANY **SECOND!**

HAVE TO LAND... **AT ONCE**...NO MATTER **WHAT!**

...A BOMB WHICH WILL **DETONATE** ITSELF IN EXACTLY **30 SECONDS!**

SKRRREEE!



DAREDEVIL!
WHAT IS IT?
WHA...WHAT
HAPPENED??

WE HAD A
NARROW
ESCAPE, YOUR
HONOR! BUT,
WE'RE **SAFE**
NOW!



SOONER OR LATER I'LL MEET UP WITH THE **OWL** AGAIN... AND, WHEN I **DO**... HE WON'T ESCAPE A SECOND TIME!

DON'T **REPROACH** YOURSELF, MY BOY!

YOU **SAVED** MY LIFE...
BROKE UP THE OWL'S
GANG OF CUTTHROATS...
AND **DESTROYED** HIS
HIDEOUT ISLAND!

YOU EVEN
MANAGED
TO FREE
THAT
COURAGEOUS
BLIND
LAWYER,
**MATT
MURDOCK!**

I HAD A MORE
SELFISH MOTIVE
IN DOING **THAT**
THAN THE JUDGE
SUSPECTS!



LATER, AT THE MADISON AVENUE LAW
OFFICES OF **NELSON AND MUR-**
DOCK...

IT'S SO GOOD TO HAVE
MATT BACK WITH US
AGAIN!

MY LIFE SEEMS SO...
STRANGELY **EMPTY**...
WHEN HE'S GONE!

IF ONLY
I KNEW THE
ANSWER
TO HIS
FREQUENT
DIS-
APPEAR-
ANCES!



ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
CASE OF THE ESCAPED **RHINO**,
FOGGY?

HE'S STILL
AT LARGE,
KAREN!

AND, I'VE
HEARD
THAT
SPIDER-
MAN IS
ON HIS
TRAIL
RIGHT
NOW. *

I **STILL**
CAN'T
SEE WHY
THAT
BLOOD-
THIRSTY
FOOL BROKE
OUT OF JAIL
JUST AS I
WAS PRE-
PARING A
WRIT OF
HABEAS
CORPUS
FOR HIM!

* YOU DIDN'T THINK WE COULD RESIST
TELLING YOU TO LATCH ONTO
SPIDEY # 43, DID YOU? ...**SLY STAN.**



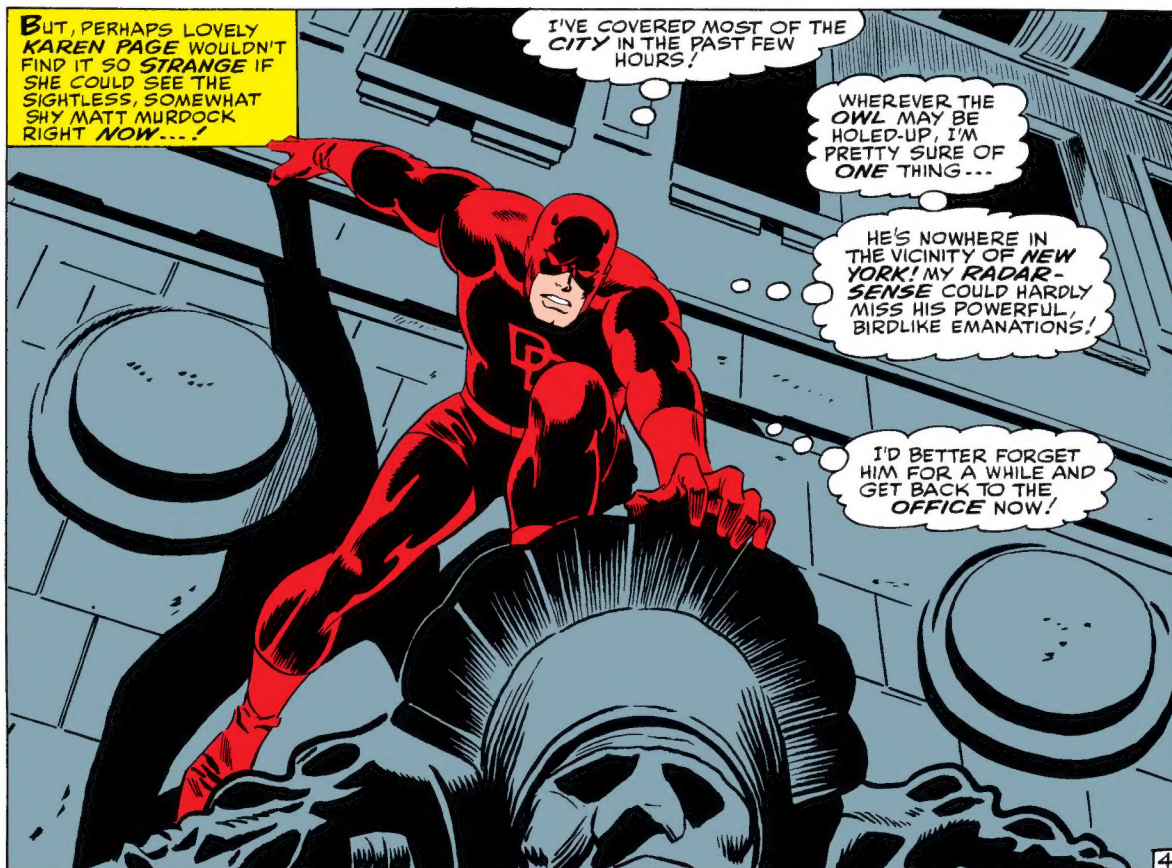
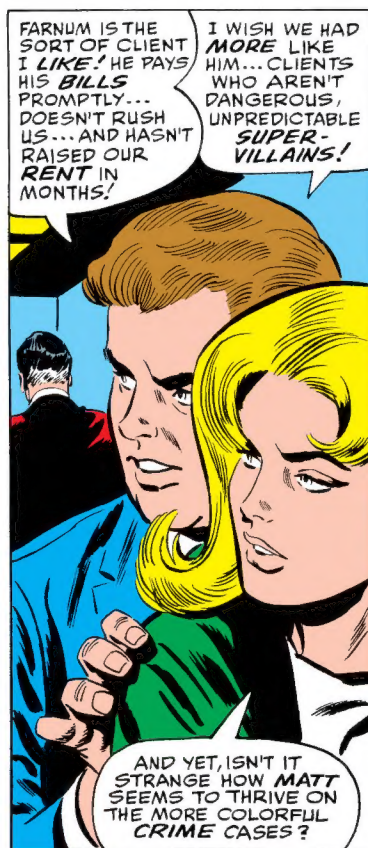
BUT, LET'S **FORGET** ABOUT
BUSINESS FOR A WHILE! HOW
ABOUT **DINNER** WITH ME
TONIGHT, KAREN?

I MIGHT AS **WELL**! I
HAVEN'T HEARD FROM
MATT SINCE HIS
RETURN!

CERTAINLY, FOGGY!

I'LL BET
SHE'D HAVE
SAID
THAT WITH
A LOT
MORE **EN-**
THUSIASM
IF MY NAME
WAS **MATT
MURDOCK!**

I HOPE HE'S
ALL RIGHT!
A SIGHTLESS
MAN... ALL
ALONE IN THE
CITY...





AFTER THE HUMILIATING **SETBACK** I HANDED HIM, THE **OWL** MAY HEAD FOR PARTS UNKNOWN!

WHICH WOULDN'T EXACTLY BREAK MY FEARLESS LITTLE HEART ONE **BIT**!

IN FACT, I COULD **USE** A LITTLE PEACE AND QUIET TO CATCH UP ON MY OWN **LAW** WORK!



LUCKILY, THE **GLADIATOR** AND THE **MASKED MARAUDER** SEEM TO HAVE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT, ALSO..

PERHAPS I'D BETTER START GOING A LITTLE **EASIER** ON THE VARIOUS COSTUMED CROOKS AROUND TOWN!

AFTER ALL... I WOULDN'T WANNA PUT MYSELF CLEAN OUT OF **BUSINESS**!



BUT, I'VE A HUNCH THERE'LL ALWAYS BE **SOMETHING** TO OCCUPY A FELLA WITH MY OWN PARTICULAR TALENTS!



IT'S KINDA HARD TO TRAVEL VIA **BILLY-CLUB CABLE** THIS WAY WITHOUT ATTRACTING A LITTLE **ATTENTION**!

BUT, IT'S STILL A LOT **CHEAPER** THAN TAKING A **CAB**... AND IT **DOES** KEEP ONE OUT IN THE FRESH AIR!

SPECIAL NOTE FOR THOSE WHO MAY READ THIS STORY ALOUD: IN THE SOUND **BTANNG**, THE SECOND **N** IS SILENT!... **SCRUPULOUS STAN**.

NO NEED TO CHANGE
OUT ON THE WINDOW
LEDGE... I CAN TELL
THAT THE OFFICE IS
DESERTED!

FOGGY AND KAREN
BOTH MUST HAVE
LEFT!

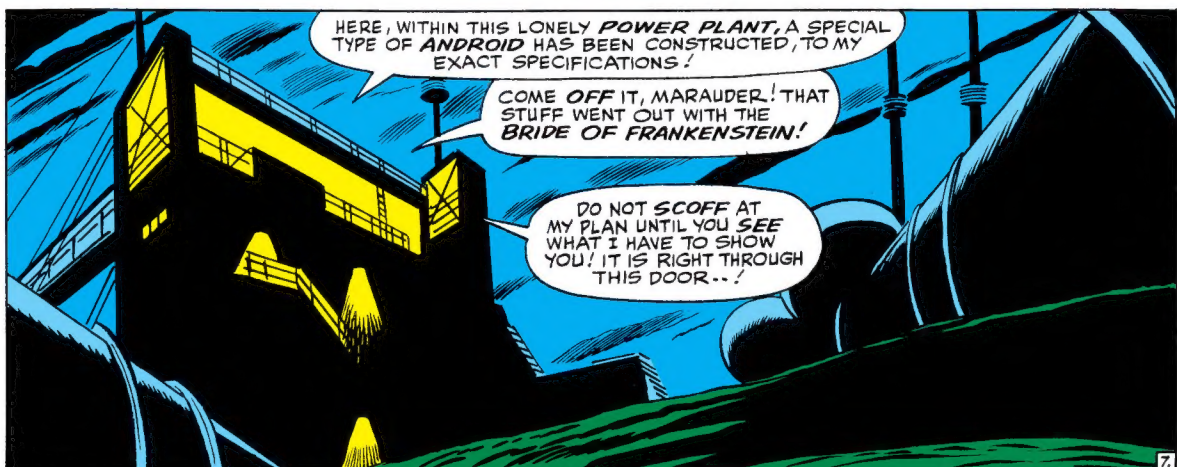
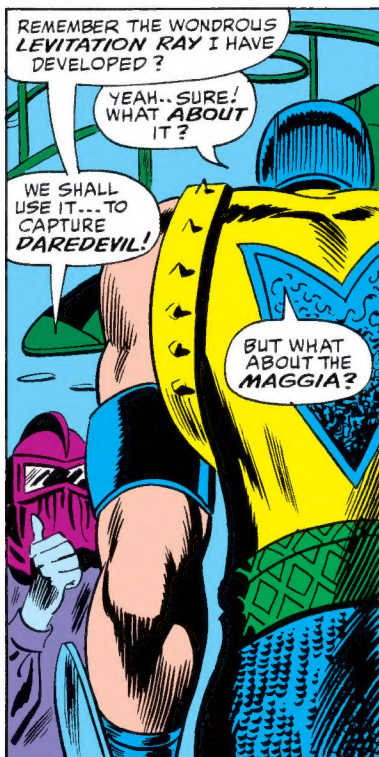
I WONDER IF
THEY WENT OUT
TOGETHER?

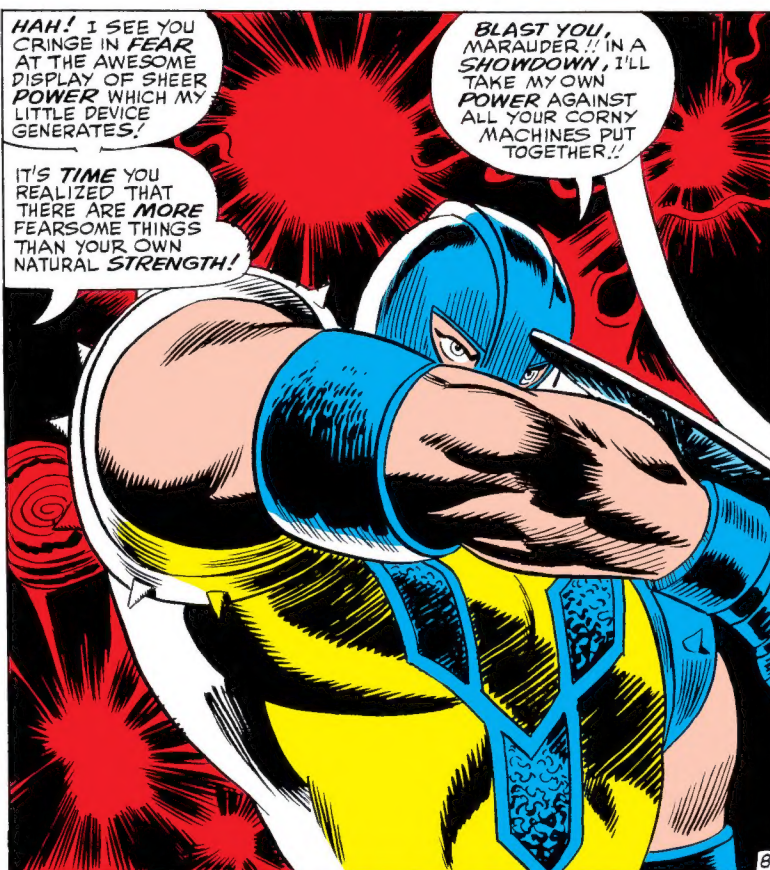
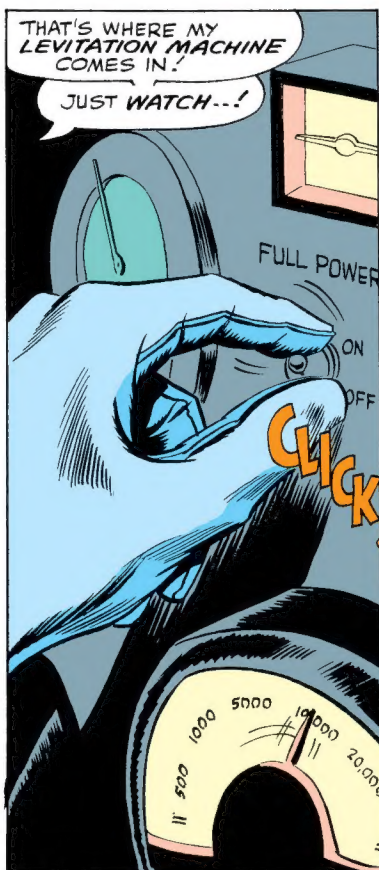
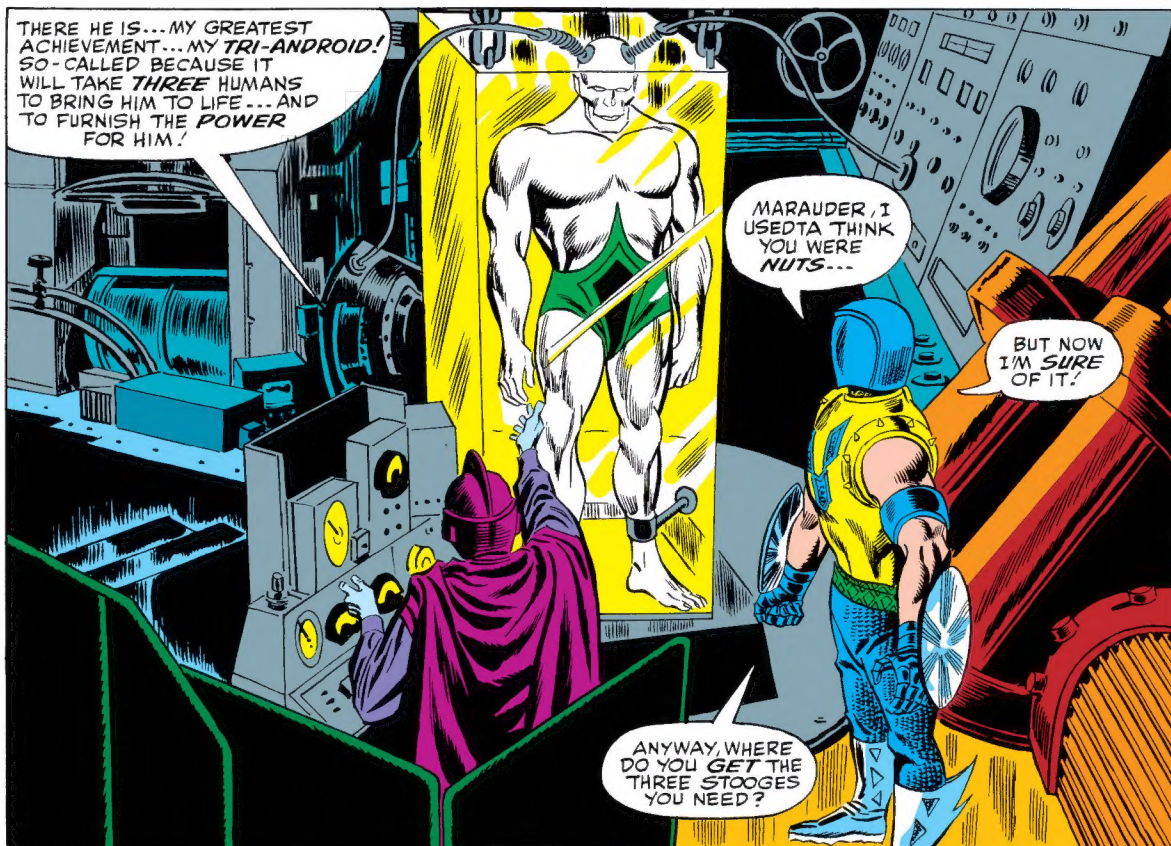
SWINGING AROUND
THE CITY **ALONE**,
HOUR AFTER HOUR, A
MAN HAS LOTS OF
TIME TO **THINK**
THINGS OUT...

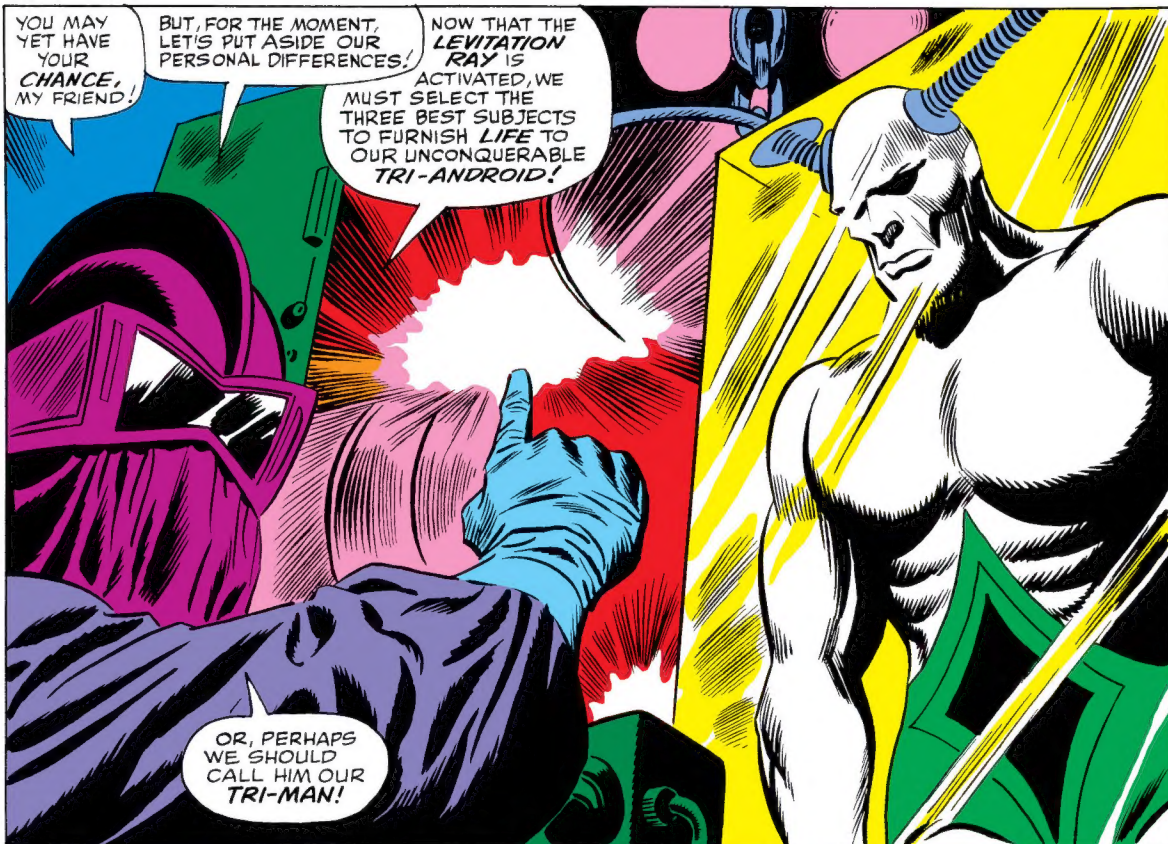
AND I'VE FINALLY
DECIDED WHAT TO
DO ABOUT KAREN! I
CAN'T KEEP MY
FEELINGS FOR HER
A **SECRET** ANY LONGER!

FOR BETTER OR
FOR WORSE... EVEN
THOUGH I'M DESTINED
TO LIVE OUT MY LIFE
IN UNRELIEVED
DARKNESS... I'VE GOT
TO DECLARE MY **LOVE**
FOR HER!

ALL I NEED DO
IS WAIT FOR THE
RIGHT **PLACE**...
THE RIGHT **TIME!!**







YOU MAY
YET HAVE
YOUR
CHANCE,
MY FRIEND!

BUT, FOR THE MOMENT,
LET'S PUT ASIDE OUR
PERSONAL DIFFERENCES!

NOW THAT THE
LEVITATION
RAY IS
ACTIVATED, WE
MUST SELECT THE
THREE BEST SUBJECTS
TO FURNISH **LIFE** TO
OUR UNCONQUERABLE
TRI-ANDROID!

OR, PERHAPS
WE SHOULD
CALL HIM OUR
TRI-MAN!

A SHORT TIME LATER, A DOWN-
AND-OUT **WRESTLER** KNOWN AS
THE **MANGLER** LEAVES A WEST-
SIDE GYM.

I'M THE **STRONG-
EST** RASSLER IN THE GAME...
AND I CAN'T GIT ME A MATCH!

NONE OF THE **OTHER** CREEPS'LL
GIT IN THE RING WITH ME...
'CAUSE I **MUSS 'EM UP**
TOO MUCH!



BUT THEN, AS THE **MANGLER**
WALKS UNDER AN ORDINARY-
LOOKING **HALL LIGHT**...

WHEN
I
START

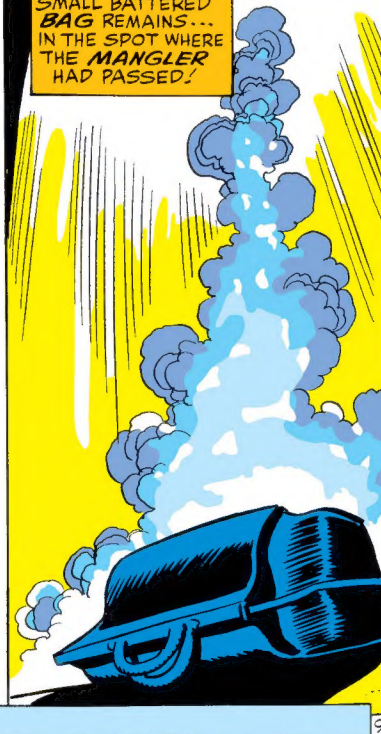
WADDA THEY
EXPECT??
THEY'RE
RASSLERS,
AIN'T THEY?

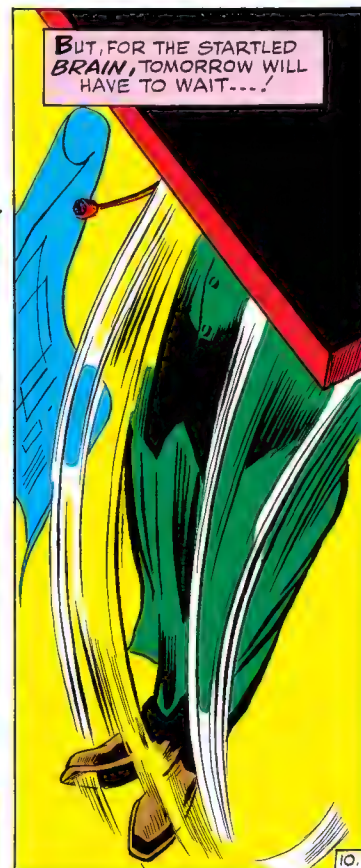
FIGHTIN',
I SEE **RED!**
NOTHIN'
CAN STOP
ME! I GOTTA--
HEY!

WHAT'S
HAPPENIN'
TO ME??



WITHIN SECONDS,
NAUGHT BUT A
SMALL BATTERED
BAG REMAINS...
IN THE SPOT WHERE
THE **MANGLER**
HAD PASSED!





AND SO WE RETURN TO
THE **MASKED MARAUDER'S**
PLAYROOM...

REMEMBER, GENTLEMEN...
THIS WILL NOT HURT YOU A
BIT! SO PLEASE
RELAX---

THEY HAVE NOTHIN'
TO **WORRY** ABOUT!
WE'RE GONNA **PAY**
'EM ENUFF...IF THIS
WORKS!

C'MON...
FLIP THE
SWITCH!
LET'S GET
IT OVER
WITH!



**THERE! I'VE
DONE IT! HE'S
COMING TO
LIFE!**



IT'S **PERFECT!** HE'LL
HAVE THE **STRENGTH**
OF THE **MANGLER...**
THE **SPEED** OF THE
DANCER...

AND THE **SINISTER**
CUNNING OF...THE
BRAIN!

YET, HE'S
ANSWERABLE
TO **US!** HE'LL
OBEY OUR EVERY
COMMAND!





BUT NOW...TO MAKE **CERTAIN** THAT THE **MAGGIA** IS AWARE OF WHAT WE ACCOMPLISH, I'LL **CONTACT** THEM, AND TELL THEM OF OUR FUTURE **PLANS!**

THEN, THEY CAN SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW **FLAWLESSLY** WE CARRY OUT OUR OBJECTIVE---

--HOW WE'VE PLANNED EVERYTHING **PERFECTLY**, TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL!



MINUTES LATER, SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE...

WE ARE RECEIVING A TELEVISED MESSAGE FROM **AMERICA**, ON OUR SPECIAL CLOSED-CIRCUIT FREQUENCY!

ANOTHER APPLICANT FOR **MAGGIA LEADERSHIP!** VERY WELL... WE SHALL HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY!

BUT, THE ONE TO BE **SELECTED** MUST TRULY PERFORM THE GREATEST CRIMINAL ACT OF **ALL!**

OBSERVE! OUR APPLICANT IS THE INFAMOUS **MASKED MARAUDER!** HE HAS CONCEIVED A MOST **DARING PLOT...**



WITHIN THE WEEK, MY **TRI-ANDROID** SHALL BATTLE AND DEFEAT THE MAN CALLED **DAREDEVIL**... RIGHT IN **MADISON SQUARE GARDEN!**

IMPOSSIBLE!

AND YET...IF HE SHOULD **ACCOMPLISH** SUCH A FEAT...

THE **MARAUDER** MAY TRULY BE THE ONE TO **LEAD US!**



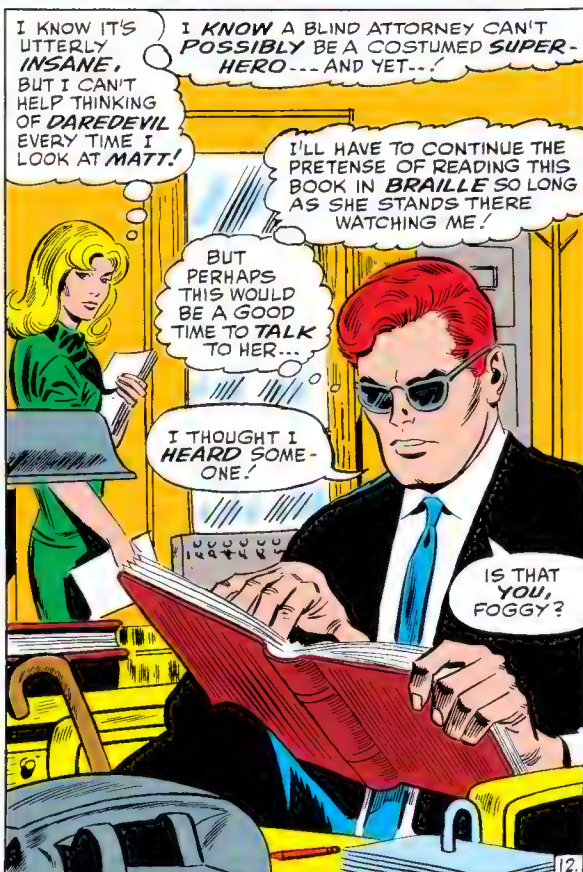
SOMETIME LATER, AT THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK...

SOMEONE SENT ME A COUPLE OF TICKETS TO THE **FIGHT** TONIGHT, AT THE **GARDEN!**

HOW ABOUT SLIPPING INTO SOMETHING **PUGILISTIC**, AND COMING ALONG, **KAREN?**

I'M **SORRY**, FOGGY! NOT TONIGHT...

WHAT WITH **MATT** WORKING LATE... I'D LIKE TO STAY AROUND THE OFFICE, IN CASE HE **NEEDS ME!**



I KNOW IT'S UTTERLY **INSANE**, BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING OF **DAREDEVIL** EVERY TIME I LOOK AT **MATT!**

I **KNOW** A BLIND ATTORNEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A COSTUMED **SUPER-HERO**... AND YET...

I'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE THE PRETENSE OF READING THIS BOOK IN **BRAILLE** SO LONG AS SHE STANDS THERE WATCHING ME!

BUT PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO **TALK** TO HER...

I THOUGHT I **HEARD** SOMEONE!

IS THAT **YOU**, FOGGY?

AND, EVEN AS MATT MURDOCK SPEAKS--THE **PRELIMINARIES** ARE JUST ENDING AT THE GARDEN ARENA...

WELL MAY YOU WONDER, FRANTIC ONE, WHAT THIS HAS TO DO WITH OUR **DARE-DEVIL** THRILLER-- BUT STAY WITH US, PRITHEE--

--FOR, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!--

ANYWAY, GENTLEMAN GENE IS BATTY ABOUT DRAWING **FIGHT SCENES**, AND WE HATE TO FRUSTRATE OUR BUOYANT BULLPENERS!

KAREN IS **HESITATING** ABOUT APPROACHING ME! SOMETHING MUST BE **TROUBLING** HER!

I'LL PRETEND I'M **NOT AWARE** OF HER! SHE'LL CONFIDE IN ME IN HER OWN GOOD TIME!

SHE'S STANDING IN THE DOORWAY-- LITTLE DREAMING THAT I'M **MORE AWARE** OF HER ACTIONS THAN A **SIGHTED** MAN COULD BE!

NO! WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT OUR **TRI-ANDROID**, EITHER! SEE? HERE HE IS--!

WITH HEAVY, MEASURED STEPS, HE TRUDGES SLOWLY TOWARDS THE **GARDEN ARENA**-- THE SAME PLACE WE VISITED A SCANT TWO PANELS AGO!

BUT, BEFORE HE REACHES IT, **KAREN** SPEAKS AGAIN...

I'VE HAD SO MUCH ON MY MIND, THAT I ALMOST FORGOT THIS **LETTER** FOR MATT!

EXCUSE ME, MATT! THIS **SPECIAL DELIVERY** JUST CAME FOR YOU!

AND NOW WE TAKE YOU TO THE **GARDEN ARENA** WHERE THE MAIN EVENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...

OH, IT'S **YOU**, KAREN! I **THOUGHT** I HEARD SOMEONE!

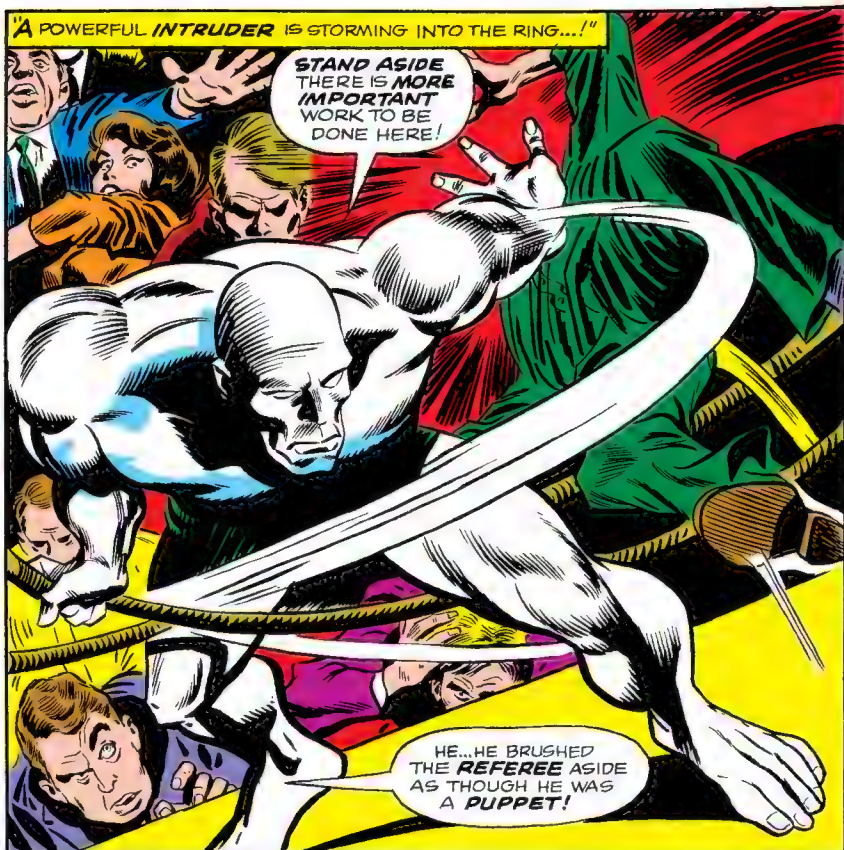
A **SPECIAL DELIVERY**? I WONDER WHO IT'S **FROM**?!



WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO **OPEN** IT FOR YOU, MATT?

WAIT A SECOND, KAREN! WHAT'S THIS?

BULLETIN! SOMETHING **INCREDIBLE** IS OCCURRING AT THE GARDEN! **PANDEMONIUM** IS BREAKING OUT--



'A POWERFUL INTRUDER IS STORMING INTO THE RING...!'

STAND ASIDE THERE IS **MORE IMPORTANT** WORK TO BE DONE HERE!

HE...HE BRUSHED THE **REFEREE** ASIDE AS THOUGH HE WAS A **PUPPET!**



ATTENTION-- ALL NEWSPAPERS --TV--AND RADIO--

NOTIFY **DAREDEVIL** TO MEET ME IN THIS RING, OR I'LL **DESTROY** THE ARENA--AND EVERYONE **WITHIN** IT!

HE'S SOME KIND 'A **PROFESSIONAL NUT!**

LET'S GIT 'IM **OUTTA** HERE...**FAST!**

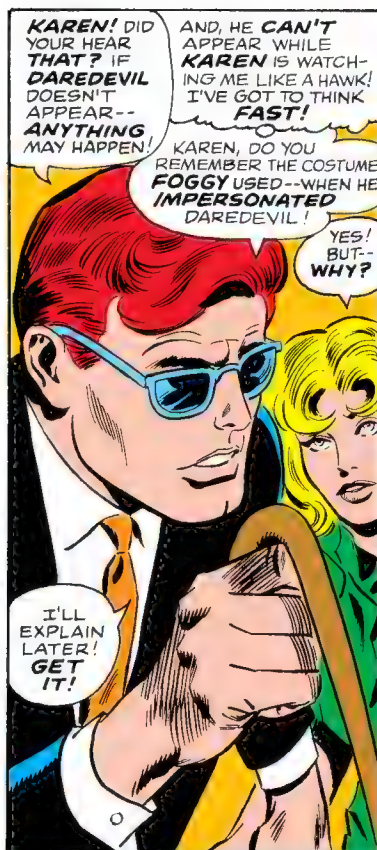


BUT, BEFORE THE TWO STARTLED PUGILISTS CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE...

OUT, YOU FOOLS! YOU ARE BOTH UNWORTHY OF MY NOTICE!

LOOK! DIDJA SEE THAT?

WHO IS HE? WHAT IS HE? HE...HE CAN'T BE HUMAN!



KAREN! DID YOUR HEAR THAT? IF DAREDEVIL DOESN'T APPEAR-- ANYTHING MAY HAPPEN!

AND, HE CAN'T APPEAR WHILE KAREN IS WATCHING ME LIKE A HAWK! I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST!

KAREN, DO YOU REMEMBER THE COSTUME FOGGY USED--WHEN HE IMPERSONATED DAREDEVIL!

YES! BUT-- WHY?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! GET IT!



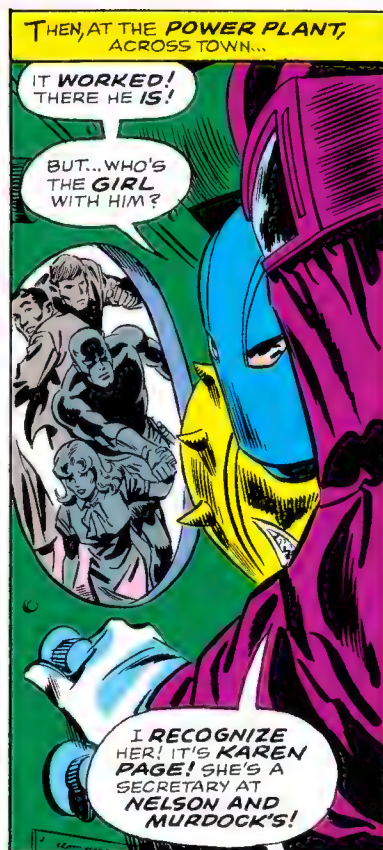
SECONDS LATER...

MATT--YOU CAN'T! IT'S INSANE! WHAT CHANCE WOULD YOU HAVE? I-I SHOULDN'T LET YOU!

I CAN DO IT, KAREN-- WITH YOUR HELP! JUST IN CASE THE REAL DAREDEVIL DOESN'T APPEAR-- WE CAN'T ALLOW ANY HARM TO COME TO INNOCENT PEOPLE!

IF YOU LEAD ME INTO THE ARENA-- AND GET ME SOMEWHERE NEAR THE RING-- I'LL TRY TO BLUFF MY WAY THRU WITH THE REST OF IT!

AND, THERE MUST BE SOME WAY I CAN GET SEPARATED FROM KAREN, AND THEN APPEAR AS THE REAL DAREDEVIL!

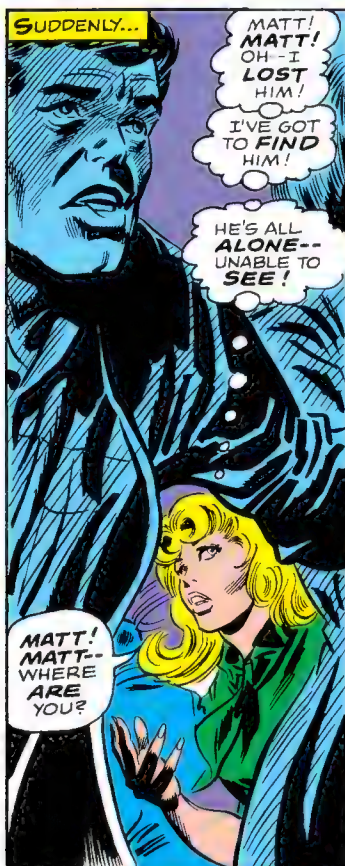


THEN, AT THE POWER PLANT, ACROSS TOWN...

IT WORKED! THERE HE IS!

BUT...WHO'S THE GIRL WITH HIM?

I RECOGNIZE HER! IT'S KAREN PAGE! SHE'S A SECRETARY AT NELSON AND MURDOCK'S!



SUDDENLY...

MATT! MATT! OH--I LOST HIM!

I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!

HE'S ALL ALONE-- UNABLE TO SEE!

MATT! MATT--WHERE ARE YOU?

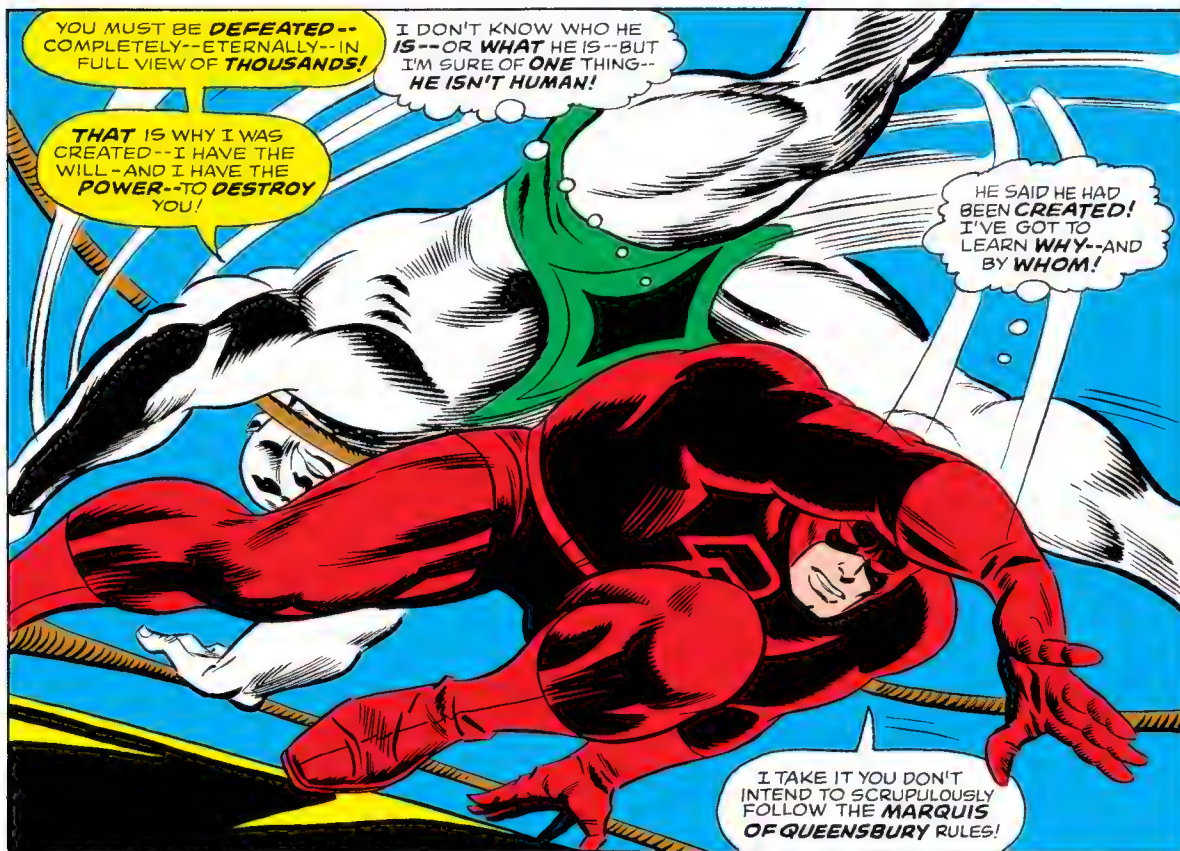


AND THEN, EVEN AS THE DISTRAUGHT GIRL CRIES OUT IN ALARM...

WHEN SHE SEES ME, SHE'LL THINK I'M THE REAL DAREDEVIL-- AND SHE'LL KEEP SEARCHING FOR "MATT MURDOCK" AMONG THE TEEMING CROWD!

BUT NOW-- I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON WHAT LIES BEFORE ME!

ALL RIGHT, MISTER! YOU CHALLENGED DAREDEVIL TO APPEAR! NOW, THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO YOU!



THEN AND THERE, BEFORE THE EYES OF **THOUSANDS**, THE WORLD-FAMOUS **MAN WITHOUT FEAR** CONTINUES TO ATTACK HIS LARGER, MORE POWERFUL FOE--SPEAR-HEADING THE ONSLAUGHT WITH BLOW AFTER BLOW... NOT GIVING THE **TRI-ANDROID** TIME TO REGAIN HIS BALANCE, NOR TO LAUNCH A COUNTER-ATTACK--!

DAREDEVIL IS USING THE TYPE OF **KARATE** CHOPS I'VE READ ABOUT IN **BOOKS**--BUT NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE IN **REAL LIFE!**

I DON'T **GET** IT! THAT GOOFY-LOOKING CREEP TOSSED THE TWO CON-TENDERS OUT OF THE RING LIKE THEY WERE **NOTHIN'--**

AND YET, **DAREDEVIL'S** MAKIN' **MINCE-MEAT** OUT OF 'IM!

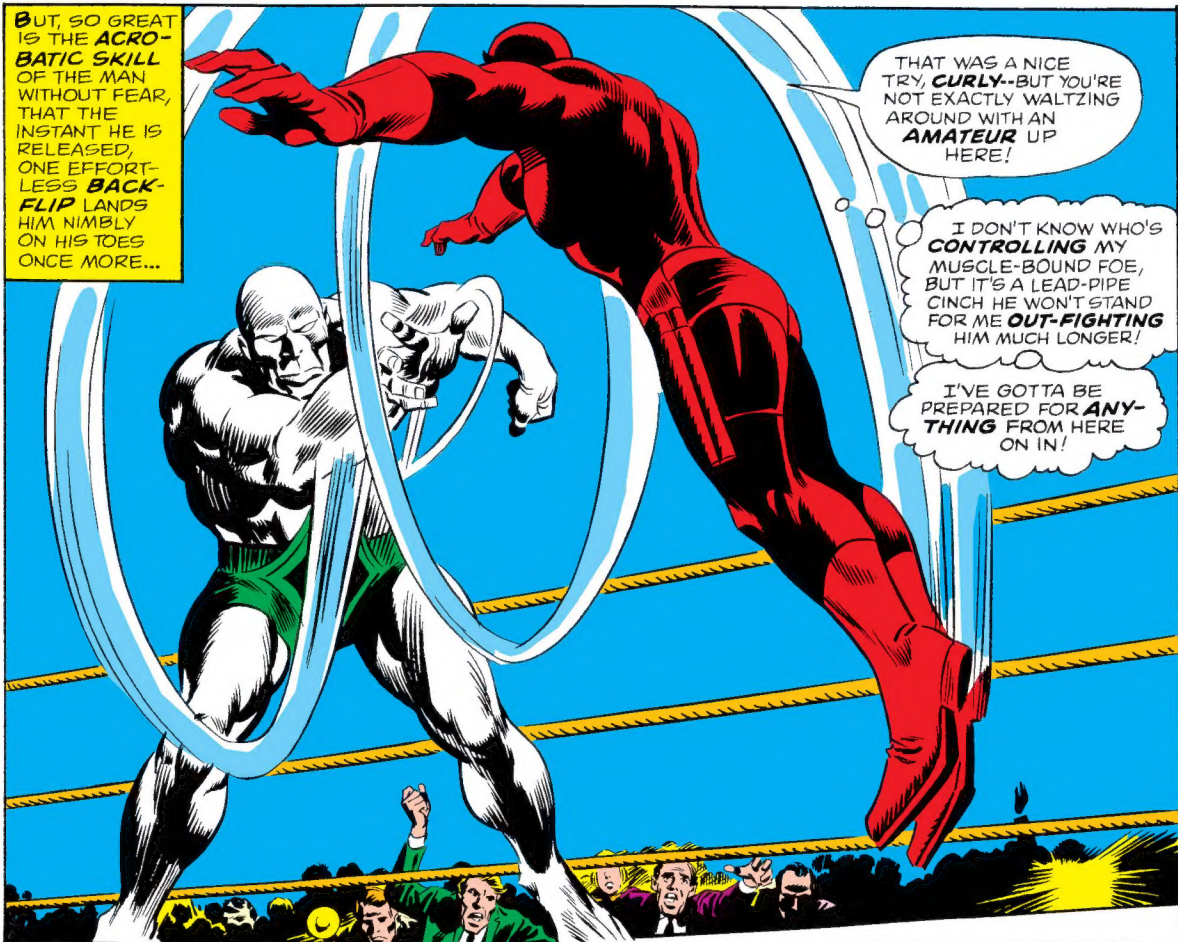
I'VE GOT TO END THIS **QUICKLY**, AND FIND SOME WAY TO CONVINCE **KAREN** THAT **MATT MURDOCK** WAS WANDERING HELPLESSLY ABOUT WHILE THIS **FIGHT** WAS GOING ON!

IF ONLY I KNEW **WHO** I'M FIGHTING--AND MORE IMPORTANT--**WHO'S BEHIND HIM!**

THANG!



BUT, SO GREAT IS THE **ACRO-BATIC SKILL** OF THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR, THAT THE INSTANT HE IS RELEASED, ONE EFFORT-LESS **BACK-FLIP** LANDS HIM NIMBLY ON HIS TOES ONCE MORE...



THAT WAS A NICE TRY, **CURLY**--BUT YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY WALTZING AROUND WITH AN **AMATEUR** UP HERE!

I DON'T KNOW WHO'S **CONTROLLING** MY MUSCLE-BOUND FOE, BUT IT'S A LEAD-PIPE CINCH HE WON'T STAND FOR ME **OUT-FIGHTING** HIM MUCH LONGER!

I'VE GOTTA BE PREPARED FOR **ANY-THING** FROM HERE ON IN!

AND, AMONG THE CHEERING MULTITUDE, WE FIND...



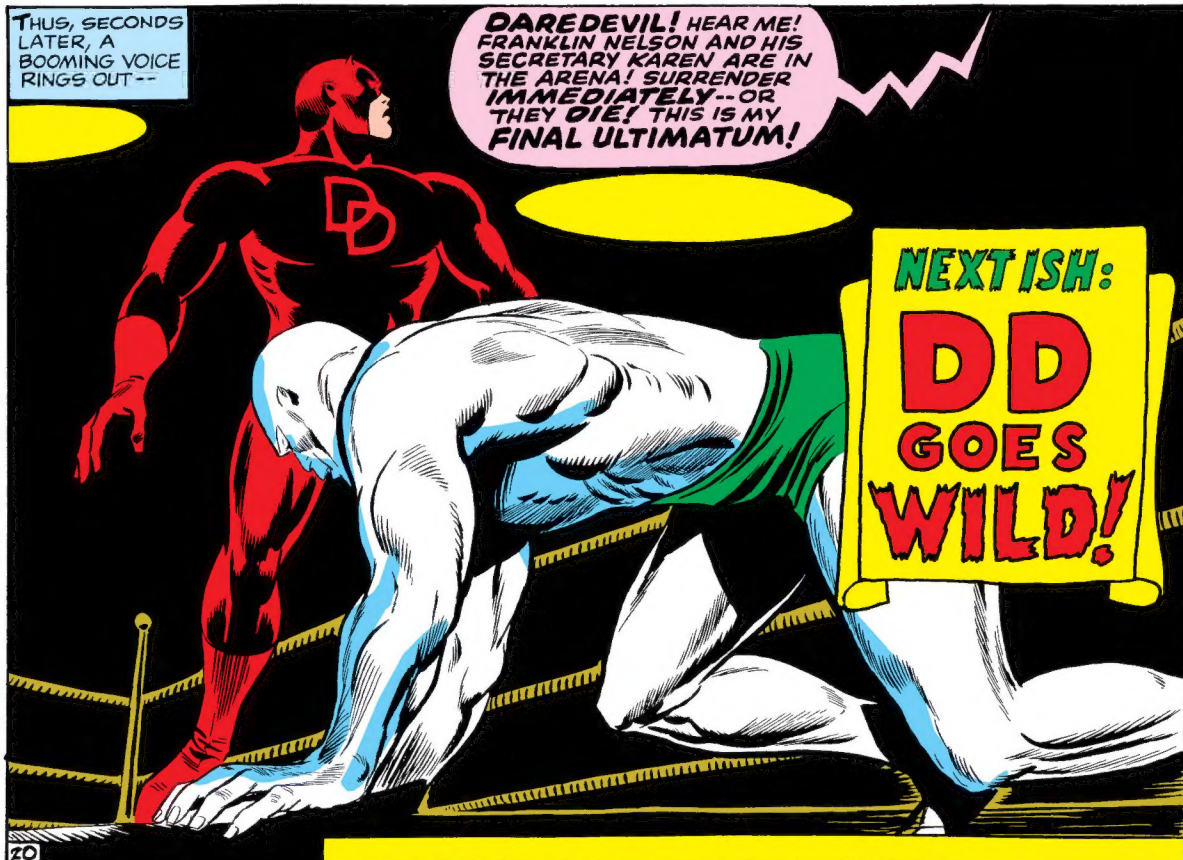
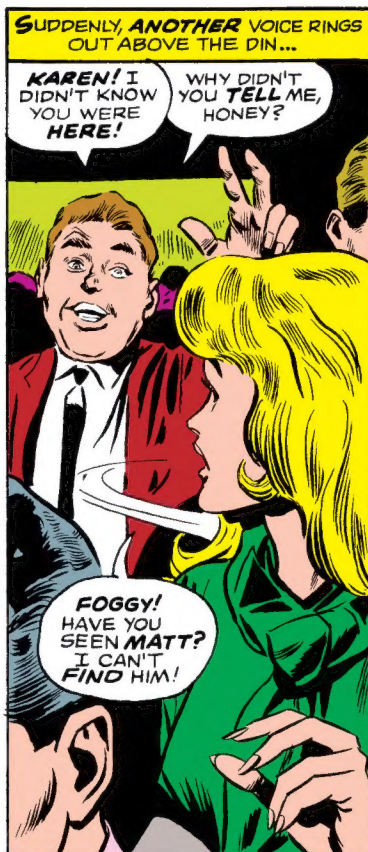
I CAN'T FIND MATT ANYWHERE! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE **BROUGHT** HIM HERE!

WE SHOULD HAVE **KNOWN** THE **REAL DAREDEVIL** WOULD SHOW UP!

ATTA BOY, **DAREDEVIL!** YOU'VE GOT 'IM! **GO, MAN--GO!**



WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU **MADE** OF? ANYONE **ELSE** WOULD BE CHIRPING WITH THE **BIRDIES** BY NOW!



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N. Y.

Dear Stan and Gene,

I just finished reading DAREDEVIL #19 and I would say that Daredevil was his usual daring self. But I've still got a complaint. On page 2, panel 1, DD said, "I don't know if Foggy saw this morning's paper, but I did," and then he said that he had read the headline. Now if he's blind, he couldn't possibly have been able to read the paper!!

William Austin, 34 Clark Dr.
Lakewood, N. J.

Sure he could, Bill! Thru the use of Braille lettering, sightless people "read" via their fingertips. DD, having hyper-keen senses, can "read" ordinary print and photos by merely letting his fingers touch the surface of any printed page and actually feeling the impression made by the printer's ink! He merely used the word "saw" loosely—after all, it would have sounded awkward for him to say "I don't know if Foggy felt this morning's paper, but I did"! (One nice thing about answering your letters, tigers—we always get the last word!)

Dear Stan and Gene,

Since Spider-Man has proved that Daredevil is either Matt Murdock or Foggy Nelson (Karen Page is excluded because she is female), why not let the world know that Murdock is our hero? I admit that DD is the most different super-hero yet, but why not vary just a little more? Letting DD's identity be known would expose him to more danger, but let's be realistic. Organizations like the Maggia would be hunting him constantly and eventually expose his secret. So, to get to the point, if he publicized his identity, he would have to have a secret headquarters and operate in complete secrecy. This would make a far more interesting story as well as remove Foggy and Karen from possible danger. DD could have Karen bring supplies to his secret sanctuary, since she is possibly his best friend and they are in love with each other. They could perform these operations in abject secrecy via tunnels. What do you think?

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We think we don't know what we think! So, as usual, we'll cop out and wait till the voice of Marvel-dom thunders thru the land! After all, we're only instruments of your own will! As all the world knows, our rabid readers are really the true Bullpen bosses! (And what we're leading up to is—we wanna raise!)

Dear Stan and Gene,

I'm writing this letter to tell you what I think of Daredevil! He's great! I like his red costume rather than his old yellow duds. I've a question—when Daredevil separates his cane to go into action, the bottom part is a

straight stick. The top of the cane has a curve on it. But, when his separated cane is in his holster, you see two straight sticks. Where's the curved part of the cane? Also, when he is about to use his nylon string, he uses a straight stick. But when he's flying in the air, that same straight stick has the curve again. I hope this isn't too complicated, but I can't sleep nights. All night I think about what happened to the curve! Please let me know so I can sleep nights! I've just finished issue #19 and I was glad DD didn't lose Karen to Foggy. After all, I didn't want to see his dream of marrying Karen shattered. A little more expression of his love for Karen and everything will be fine. But what about Foggy? Let him find another girl. Perhaps a new client could take a liking to him. Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of quick problem-solving?

William Fink, 23 Ingraham St.
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Not us, Bill—we'd never say it! And now, in a desperate effort to cure your sleepless nights, let's analyze DD's elusive cane curve. Actually, his curved handle works by means of an ingenious spring mechanism. At the slightest touch of a concealed push-button, the straight cane end is instantly formed into a curved shape, for purposes of hooking onto nearby objects—and also, to simulate the appearance of a normal cane when DD takes the role of Matt Murdock. However, another push of the button immediately snaps the curve back into a straight line shape once more. Naturally, this is all based upon a very complex engineering principle which we are still not at liberty to divulge!

Dear Stan and Gene,

I, at this time, would like to congratulate all who worked on DAREDEVIL #19, as it was one of the best issues that I have ever read. I was especially glad to see that Foggy Nelson had dropped his ridiculous masquerade as Daredevil, which I considered a bit childish. However, in the letter pages, I saw a query about Daredevil's costume—namely, how the DD insignia can stand out on his otherwise shadowed chest. I have had a pet theory about this for some time. May I put it forth? I assume that Daredevil's costume is made of a material much like red velvet, in the fact that it is dark and shadows quite easily, with the exception of his insignia, boots, belt, etc. which stand out quite readily and do not shadow—except in a dark room. Satisfied? Here's hoping that the next issue is as good as the last one.

Michael Spence, 2108 Morris Rd.
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Zillions of apprehensive Marvelites everywhere are hoping it will be even better than the last one. Mike! As for your theory about DD's costume—we'd be nuts to refute it—'cause it saves us the trouble of having

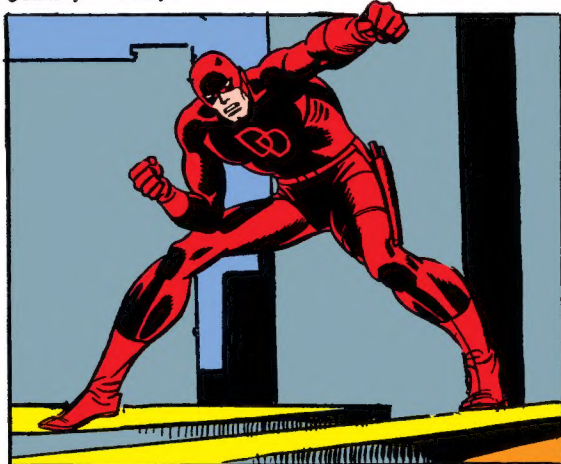
to explain it ourselves. That's what we love best about you true believers—if we wait long enough, there's always someone who'll come forth and do our jobs for us—though it does shake us up when we realize how often our fans figure things out far better than we can!

Dear Stan and Gene,

"Here Comes Daredevil, the Man without Fear!" Boy, he must be "without fear" to let Stan take most of the things out of his billy club. Daredevil used to be my favorite character, but now he isn't because he doesn't use his gadgets very much. Now, when you give a hero some gadgets, you should use them in a lot of issues, not just one! And if DD tossed his cane at a baddie and the impact shattered all the delicate apparatus inside, he could build another one instead of merely using it as a billy club and cable launcher. Better take me seriously!

Johnny Chavez, 805 So. "L" St.
Harlingen, Tex.

We do, Johnny, we do! We have carefully scrutinized every syllable of your cogent comments and had countless conferences and interdepartmental debates concerning the somewhat elusive properties of DD's cane! And now, after long weeks of soul-searching, we announce our decision with the greatest trepidation—knowing full well that the eyes of Marvel-dom are upon us! Be it known that DD prefers to put his trust in his own natural abilities rather than a lot of cane-filled gimmicks—hence he has chosen *not* to rebuild the many devices which formerly packed his billy club! Now be a good guy and tell us you're not angry, Johnny—okay?



Dear Stan and Gene,

It's opinion time! It's time for me to face front and disagree with those killjoys who are against Daredevil's debonair humor. Humor adds admiration to DD's plots. In psychiatry each person has more than one personality, and so does our hero Daredevil. Just because he's quiet in his secret identity doesn't restrict him from joking in his alter ego. I'd like to see more of his jokes in the future, okay?

Alexander Hammond, 220 Little St. S. E.
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Okay, Alex—but what'll we do with poor sufferin' Stan? It's not enough that he's gotta write mystery, adventure, action, and suspense—*now* he's gotta be a gag-writer, too! And without a sensahumor, yet! But, don't despair, group—somewhere, somehow, we'll dig up a copy of Joe Miller's Joke Book and we'll be back in business again! (Aww, stop sulkin', Stan. We were only kiddin'! Sure you've got a sense of humor! Who else would give a Hulk sweat shirt to a friend for a wedding present?—With the Hulk still inside it!)

Dear Stan and Gene,

Recently, many people have written books containing the definitions of various things, such as "Happiness is . . ." or "Misery is . . ." I would like to present "Hopelessness is . . ."—Marvel style. Hopelessness is the Hulk with a stubbed toe, Quicksilver slipping on a banana peel, Namor getting sea-sick, Cap with a dented shield, Nick Fury with out a cigar, a nutty silver surfboard running wild, Reed running out of gadgets, Spidey having some good luck, Goliath getting claustrophobia, Hawkeye shutting his big mouth, Daredevil with a seeing-eye dog, but most of all, hopelessness is my pocket-book after the Marvel-ous Masterpieces hit the stands. Scott Gillespie, 1525 So. 9th E.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84105

Hey, Scotty boy—these aren't at all bad! If any other DD devotees out there in Marvel-land have any additional "Hopelessness is — s" (how in blazes do you pluralize that??), send 'em along and we'll try'n print the best ones—or, if they're funny enough, we might even print the *worst* ones! You know how miserable our taste is!!!



Dear Stan and Gene,

You want to know what I was thinking about super-heroes the other day? All super-heroes have certain things in common. They are very careful about their personal appearances. Their homes and offices are neat and tidy. Why? Most of them carry their costumes and equipment with them and hide things like web-shooters and billy clubs in their homes, offices, and briefcases. They have to be neat—nothing can be left lying around or sticking out for anybody to see. They make their own costumes and are very skilled seamstresses—or seamsters. They eat more than ordinary people because they burn more energy. Take a gander at all the fighting DD has done this month. I'll bet he's worked up quite an appetite. I wouldn't be surprised to find out that he eats more in one meal than Foggy eats in three! Also, like Foggy said, super-heroes are neurotics. DD is like a little kid who never grew up—swinging through the city and fighting bad guys. And Spidey has a way of blaming himself for everybody else's troubles. He seems to have a streak of masochism that causes him to enjoy getting into trouble!

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Now that's the kind'a letter we like! No questions for us to answer—no points to argue about—in fact, nothing left for us to say—Rachel said it all! So, thank you, and good night!

NEXT ISH: Throw away all your old ideas about action, thrills, and excitement! Forget everything you've ever seen or read in comics before! When you latch onto DD #23 you'll encounter a new type of super-hero experience — one that'll live in your memory forever — (or, at least until the following ish!). We can't say any more about it right now — mainly because we don't know any more—and we're running outta room anyway—but, when you tune in to DD #23, we rather passionately predict you'll thank us for the tip! So, be good to each other till then—Daredevil needs all the friends he can get!

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